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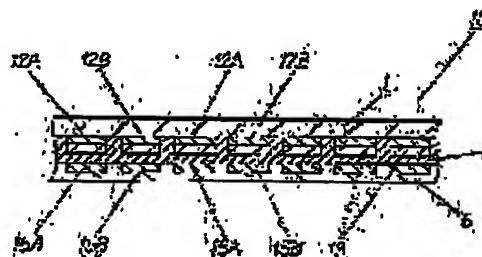
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**(54) EL ELEMENT AND LIGHTING DEVICE USING THE SAME**

**(57)Abstract:**

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To provide an EL element and lighting device using the same used for various electronic devices with few lowering of brightness, capable of lighting for long period.

**SOLUTION:** An EL element 10 is structured by making translucent electrode layers 12A, 12B and back side electrode layers 15A, 15B engage with each other with a prescribed distance, and forming a plurality of comb-teeth-shaped layers to the lower surface of a translucent base material 1. The lighting device is structured so that a control means 11 switches the voltage impression to a plurality of layers of the EL element 10 one after the other with a prescribed interval. By the above, the lighting device with few lowering of brightness and capable of lighting for long period can be obtained.

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